

KPLT denies abduction involvement; duo traceless



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Combing operations put into service jointly by the police, army and paramilitary forces have invariably failed to pinpoint the whereabouts of the abducted forest officials who on Saturday were apprehended following a planned ambush employing gun shots. Back in the capital at Dispur today replying to a question from the opposition on emerging insurgents, Cabinet Minister for Environment & Forests, Rockybul Hussain in the Assam Assembly claimed before the house that 14 outfits have so far been conditioned to come to terms for discussion with the government. With such progress underway it remains unclear as to what measures are in place to contain members of anti-talk factions and their successful abduction exercises experienced from time to time.

According to information available from a reliable source with this correspondent, Rabha had twice communicated his department on Sunday and confirmed his and Ranger Baruah's well being. Joyram Engleng, Chief Executive Member of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) has assured the families of both the duos their secured come back and that efforts are in progress for a positive end. But incidentally KPLT General Secretary Nilip Engti in an intimation to a local Karbi Daily outrightly denied any involvement in the abduction that

led to the disappearance of Abhjit Rabha and Ranjan Baruah flaying claims construed otherwise thus clouding and pushing the matter to contradiction of sorts. Instead he in a way held The Kuki Revolutionary Army Unifaction (KRA-U) responsible for it.

Following this the CEM KAAC openly appealed for unconditional release of the officials. In his residential press meet yesterday he opined that: "Any matter can be resolved through negotiation and peaceful means; no one should adopt such means." Closed door discussions later held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office between Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar and Superintendent of Police B.B. Chetry were kept out of bounds of the media. Deputy Commissioner Karbi Anglong explicitly stated that word has been sent to The Union Ministry for Home briefing the unfortunate episode.

Grief-stricken, agitated family members of both the forest officials has appealed to the responsible outfit through the state's media for their safe release. On the other hand President of the North East Writers' Forum (NEWF), Mitra Phukan consoled the family members of Abhjit Rabha during a visit to his Rajgarh residence today and expressed the Forum's deep concern. It is mentionable that Abhjit Rabha is an active writer-member of the North East Writers' Forum, Guwahati.

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